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# S. 2067

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Recreational Boating  
5       Act of 2007”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       (a) POLLUTANT.—Section 502(6) of the Federal  
8       Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1362(6)) is  
9       amended—

1 (1) by striking “(6) The term ‘pollutant’” and  
 2 inserting the following:

3 “(6) POLLUTANT.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘pollutant’”;  
 5 and

6 (2) in the second sentence—

7 (A) by striking “This term does not mean”  
 8 and inserting the following:

9 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause

11 (ii), the term ‘pollutant’ does not mean”;

12 (B) by striking “(A) sewage” and inserting  
 13 the following:

14 “(I) sewage”;

15 (C) by striking “or (B) water” and insert-  
 16 ing the following:

17 “(II) water”;

18 (D) by striking the period at the end and  
 19 inserting “; or”; and

20 (E) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(II) any deck runoff from a rec-  
 22 reational vessel, any engine cooling  
 23 water, gray water, bilge water effluent  
 24 from properly functioning recreational  
 25 marine engine, laundry, shower, and

1 galley sink waste from a recreational  
 2 vessel, or any other discharge inci-  
 3 dental to the normal operation of a  
 4 recreational vessel.

5 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i)(III)  
 6 does not apply to rubbish, trash, garbage,  
 7 or any other similar material discharged  
 8 overboard by a recreational vessel.”.

9 (b) RECREATIONAL VESSEL.—Section 502 of the  
 10 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1362) is  
 11 amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(25) RECREATIONAL VESSEL.—The term ‘rec-  
 13 reational vessel’ means a vessel that is—

14 “(A) manufactured for operation, or oper-  
 15 ated, primarily for recreational purposes; or

16 “(B) leased, rented, or chartered to an in-  
 17 dividual for recreational purposes.”.

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